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May 25, 1999

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, Deputy City Clerk Robinson, and other staff representatives.

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Agenda Item No. 16 was considered out of order at this time.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:34 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section Nos. 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c) and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:02 p.m., the Council returned to Council Chambers, and the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by R. Scott Adams, former Torrance Police Chief.

Elder Allen Mitchell, Peace Apostolic Church of Carson, gave the invocation for the meeting.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Budget Workshop**

Wednesday, June 2, 1999, 5:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers – City Hall  
3031 Torrance Boulevard

**Budget Workshop**

Wednesday, June 8, 1999, 5:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers – City Hall  
3031 Torrance Boulevard

Mayor Hardison announced that a public hearing would be held on June 15, 1999, regarding the proposed Street Lighting Assessment District.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RE “MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND”**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the weekend of May 29 through May 31, 1999, as “Memorial Day Weekend” in the City of Torrance to Bob Ramsey, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Torrance Post 11045.

6b. **AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

Mr. Shahn Ahmad, Board Member, American Public Works Association (APWA), Southern California Chapter, presented two 1999 Program of the Year Awards to the City of Torrance. Dick Perkins, Senior Division Engineer, and Bruce Bornemann, GIS, accepted the award for the Artesia Boulevard Relinquishment; and John Wisz, Senior Division Engineer, and Henry Completo, Design and Administration, accepted the award for the Sidewalk Repair Program.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 27, 1999**

7b. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDING**

**Recommendation**

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council and the Human Resources Director recommend that City Council:

- 1) Accept new funding for the Worker Profiling and Re-Employment Services Demonstration Project (\$163,442);
- 2) Accept new funding for the Alameda Corridor (\$339,126);
- 3) Appropriate the new JTPA funds to the 1998-99 Employment and Training Budget;

- 4) Transfer \$131,243 in JTPA funds from the Dislocated Worker Grant to the Disadvantaged Adult Grant; and
- 5) Transfer \$40,000 in JTPA funds from the Disadvantaged Adult Grant to Year-Round Youth Grant.

**7c. CORRECTION RE DAVID TAUSSIG AND ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT**

**Recommendation**

The Planning Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Review the indemnification language previously negotiated with David Taussig and Associates; and
- 2) Authorize staff to replace the indemnification language included in the May 4, 1999 agreement with the previously negotiated indemnification language.

**7d. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT INCREASE RE R. SCOTT ADAMS**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve a contract increase with R. Scott Adams for services provided as facilitator for the 1999 update of the City of Torrance Strategic Plan.

**7e. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR APRIL 1999**

**Recommendation**

The City Treasurer recommends that City Council accept and file the statement of investment activity for the month of April, 1999.

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting on Item 7c.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilwoman O'Donnell abstaining on Item 7a due to her absence from said meeting.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11a. NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS RE FACILITY OPERATIONS MANAGER AND CENTRAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR**

**Recommendation**

The Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission recommend that City Council approve the newly created class specifications for Facility Operations Manager and Central Services Supervisor.

Senior Human Resource Analyst Weinmeister presented the staff report (per written material of record).

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to approve the newly created class specifications for Facility Operations Manager and Central Services Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. **ESTABLISHMENT OF PAY RANGES FOR FACILITY OPERATIONS  
MANAGER AND CENTRAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR**

**Recommendation**

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council adopt:

- 1) A resolution establishing the salary range for Facility Operations Manager;  
and
- 2) A resolution establishing the hourly pay range for Central Services Supervisor

Senior Human Resource Analyst Weinmeister noted supplemental material containing the signatures of employee organization representatives, indicating their concurrence with the recommendation, and also noted a correction to Resolution No. 99-53.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-52**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-86 GOVERNING  
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MANAGEMENT  
EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION ((TMEO))

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-52. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-53**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-121 GOVERNING  
THE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE  
PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-53 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. **STRATEGIC PLAN RENEWAL**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that City Council adopt the updated Strategic Plan as proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Assistant City Manager Giordano noted that the updated Strategic Plan has been entitled, "A Bridge To Our Future," and that copies will be made available to the community. She thanked the many people in the community who participated in updating the plan and commended the Strategic Plan Committee for all their hard work. In response to Councilman Messerlian's inquiry, she confirmed that the plan will also be available in brochure form.

Councilman Lee commended staff and everyone involved for creating a "living document" that has responded to changes in the community and voiced support for updating it on a regular basis so that it remains relevant.

Mayor Hardison asked staff to come up with a plan to promote public awareness of the Strategic Plan.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Cribbs moved to adopt the updated Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented plaques to members of the Strategic Planning Committee as follows: Gene Barnett, Tom Brewer, Richard Burt, Marcia Cribbs, Steve Cummins, Irene Griffith, Jon Henderson, Jim Herren, LeRoy Jackson, Maureen O'Donnell, Arnold Plank, Frank Tyrell, and Strategic Planning Facilitator Scott Adams. Committee members Dan Aynesworth, Jim Jones, Mitch Levine, Paul Seo, Alan Lee and Hazel Taniguchi were unable to attend the meeting but were also acknowledged by Mayor Hardison.

## **12. HEARINGS**

### **12a. CITY OF TORRANCE FIRE CODE**

#### **Recommendation**

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council:

- 1) Hold the first public hearing to adopt an ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code to incorporate, by reference the 1998 California Fire Code with local amendments;
- 2) To adopt a resolution of Findings for the local amendments;
- 3) Adopting by reference the California Underground Storage Tank Regulations; and
- 4) To publish a summary of the ordinance in lieu of the entire ordinance.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time, date and place for the public hearing on this matter. Deputy City Clerk Robinson confirmed that the hearing had been properly advertised.

Senior Inspector Fawcett, Torrance Fire Department, presented the staff report (per written material of record).

**MOTION:** There being no requests to speak, Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, Senior Inspector Fawcett provided clarification of the references to climatic, topographical, and geological conditions included in the ordinance, noting that these Findings indicating the existence of unique conditions are required to be listed in the ordinance, as well as the resolution, as justification for local amendments to the California Fire Code.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3468**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES 1, 2 AND 3 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WHICH ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, VOLUMES 1 AND 2, INCLUDING APPENDIX I-A, I-B, I-C, II-A, II-D, II-F, III-A, AND V-A, AND MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THOSE CODES AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 3 WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3468. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to approve the publication of a summary of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 99-54**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC, AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, INCLUDING CERTAIN APPENDICES

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-54. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### **12b. CITY OF TORRANCE BUILDING CODE**

#### **Recommendation**

The Building and Safety Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Hold the first public hearing to adopt an ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code to incorporate by reference the California Building code with local amendments;
- 2) To adopt a resolution of Findings for local amendments; and
- 3) To publish a summary of the ordinance in lieu of the entire ordinance.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time, date and place for a public hearing on this matter. Deputy City Clerk Robinson confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.



Senior Building Inspector Sheldon presented the staff report (per written material of record), noting that the proposed changes had been sent the Board of Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce and no comments have been received. He introduced Senior Plans Examiner Nishioka and Acting Building Regulations Administrator Segovia, members of the team who worked on the revisions.

Referring to the staff report, Mayor Hardison noted that some of the local amendments proposed for deletion have been incorporated into the model codes, indicating that our local amendments have been ahead of their time.

**MOTION:** There being no requests to speak, Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 99-55**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-55. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3469**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, 9 AND 10 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.43, AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.40, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 2 AND BY ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.10 AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.9, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 9, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 89.2.2 THROUGH 89.2.4, AND BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 89.2.2 AND 89.2.3, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, ALL OF WHICH ADOPT OR AMEND THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1, 2, AND 3 WITH APPENDICES, THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDICES, THE 1998 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDICES, AND THE 1997 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3469. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to approve the publication of a summary of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. **2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCES**

14a. **ORDINANCE NO. 3470**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 17 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TAXICABS AND TAXICAB DRIVERS, REPEALING CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 3 RELATING TO TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3470. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14b. **ORDINANCE NO. 3471**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING THE ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT D TO ORDINANCE NO. 3351 GRANTING MOBIL OIL CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPLACING THEM WITH NEW MITIGATION MEASURES**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3471. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened from 7:55 p.m. to 7:56 p.m.

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15. **OTHER**

**15a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilman Lee thanked staff for their efforts for the City Yard Open House which was well attended and received by the community.

Councilman Messerlian noted two articles regarding home-based businesses and libraries which the City may wish to consider for future strategic planning.

Councilwoman O'Donnell thanked the Torrance Police Department for a \$500 donation to South High.

Councilwoman O'Donnell stated that she had received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding emergency access to the animal shelter during the Armed Forces Parade. Mayor Hardison stated that she had forwarded the letter to the Council and would need additional information before commenting.

Fire Chief Bongard invited everyone to the rear parking lot after the meeting for a demonstration of the new fire truck, Air and Lighting 95. He thanked Senior Fire Inspector Fawcett for his efforts, noting that the Committee revising the Fire Code for the year 2000 is already in progress.

Mayor Hardison thanked staff for their efforts during the City Yard Open House and acknowledged students from Mrs. Wright's Government Class at Torrance High School who were present at the meeting.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

City Attorney Fellows announced that during executive session, the City Council had authorized him by unanimous vote to file an Amicus Brief on behalf of the City of Torrance in the case of Haggis v. City of Los Angeles. There was no formal action taken on any other matter heard during executive session.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Library Commission, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

